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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 443
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Alcine Arnett for her many valuable contributions to the Save Melrose School coalition.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their personal endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Alcine Arnett is one such outstanding individual who has distinguished herself in the Save Melrose School coalition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnett proceeded in her quest to better the lives of her community's children by speaking before the City Council, leading rallies, and appearing on television; and

WHEREAS, this creative woman's writing talents have shown through during her five-year stint with *Parents*, and in the six years she collaborated with *Today's Health* after her attendance with Howard University; and

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WHEREAS, a 1950s graduate of Melrose School, Ms. Arnett wants the classic school building restored and converted to a senior citizens center instead of the favored Memphis Park Commission's proposal to demolish it; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnett served as a PTA officer in her five children's schools, to ensure that her children's needs were being met, along with all Memphis school children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arnett recently founded the Neighborhood Covenant of Orange Mound, in an effort to provide educational and community-based projects for area children; and

WHEREAS, renowned as a tireless community activist, Alcine Arnett stated, "We have a breather now. We're going to win this thing, and we need everybody's help," when the City Council recently decided to postpone the demolition of the Melrose High School building; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these activities, Alcine is the primary caregiver for her 91-year-old father and 96-year-old mother-in-law; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Ms. Alcine Arnett for her outstanding contributions on behalf of Tennessee's children, and wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.